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C O N F I D E N T I A L LAHORE 0331

E. O. 11652: XGDS

TAGS: PINS, MILI, PK

SUBJECT: REPORT OF MILITARY ASSASSINATION PLOT AGAINST  
PRESIDENT BHUTTO

1. ON APRIL 1, PAK ARMY RESERVE OFFICER WHO HAS PLAYED IMPORTANT ROLE IN MILITARY PROCUREMENT AND, WE SUSPECT, MILITARY INTELLIGENCE SINCE RELEASED FROM ACTIVE DUTY NUMBER OF YEARS AGO, TOLD CONGEN OFFICER HE HAD BEEN CALLED IN BY MILITARY INTELLIGENCE IN LAHORE EARLY SAME DAY AND QUESTIONED ABOUT TWO OFFICERS ON LIST OF 24 MILITARY AND CIVILIAN OFFICERS WHICH GOP ARRESTED IN LATE MARCH " FOR ATTEMPTING TO SEDUCE MILITARY PERSONNEL FROM THEIR ALLEGIANCE TO THE GOVT". DURING SOURCE' S PROCUREMENT ACTIVITIES IN FRANCE AND UK, HE HAD COME TO KNOW THAT TWO OFFICERS ON LIST WERE PURCHASING AND ACCEPTING SUBSTANDARD EQUIPMENT FOR PERSONAL GAIN AND HAD REPORTED THEM TO ARMY GHQ. HE WAS QUESTIONED ON SAME TWO OFFICERS.

2. MI OFFICER TOLD HIM THAT 24 OFFICERS ARRESTED HAD BEEN PLOTTING TO ASSASSINATE PRESIDENT BHUTTO AT LAHORE PEOPLE' S FESTIVAL ( REVIVAL OF OLD LAHORE HORSE SHOW) WHEN HE ATTENDED AS CHIEF GUEST ON MARCH 31. MI  
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OFFICER ALSO TOLD OUR SOURCE SOME FIFTY OTHER OFFICERS AND CIVILIANS ARE SUSPECTED TO HAVE BEEN ENGAGED IN SAME PLOT. RESERVE OFFICER ADDED THAT SEVERAL MAJORS ARRESTED HAD BEEN CLASSMATES OF HIS AT PAK MILITARY ACADEMY AND HE DID NOT BELIEVE CHARGES AGAINST THEM.

3. COMMENT: WE HAVE NO WAY OF EVALUATING REPORT OF EXISTENCE OF PLOT AT THIS TIME. SOURCE HAS BEEN FAVORABLY KNOWN TO CONGEN FOR MORE THAN TWO YEARS AND HAS PROVED FAIRLY RELIABLE IN PAST. WE BELIEVE HE WAS REPORTING ACUARATELY WHAT MI OFFICER SAID TO HIM, ALTHOUGH HE MAY WELL HAVE WITHHELD SOME INFORMATION.  
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